

**STEVIA STROTHERANA (ASTERACEAE), A NEWLY
PROPOSED NAME FOR THE HOMONYM, STEVIA
HISPIDULA**

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In the most recent issue of *Phytologia* (7: 53. 2005), I proposed the elevation of *Stevia lemmonii* var. *hispidula* Grashoff to specific rank, *S. hispidula* (Grashoff) B.L. Turner. I checked on the web to ascertain if that specific appellation had been used by yet other workers and was satisfied that it had not. In doing so, I checked the listing on the International Plant Name Index, unaware that there was a double alphabetical listing of *Stevia* under this assemblage of names. The first listing lacked the name *S. hispidula*; the second listing included the name *S. hispidula* DC. Unfortunately, I failed to scroll through the second alphabetical listing hence my failure to become aware that I could not, legitimately, elevate the varietal name concerned to specific level. Thus the present correction:

Stevia strotherana B.L. Turner, **nom. & stat. nov.** Based upon *Stevia lemmonii* A. Gray var. *hispidula* Grashoff, *Brittonia* 26: 364. 1974. Non *Stevia hispidula* DC.

The species is named for my esteemed academic son, John Strother of Berkeley, who was the first person to call this egregious error to my attention. Other workers were also quick to admonish me for the oversight; indeed, John beat out Dr. Gahndi of Harvard by but a few hours (email) for the honor concerned. Joy (or sorrow, in the case of John) in pointing out your friends errors often pays off, as exemplified by the present bestowal. Indeed, in a sardonic sort of way, I am pleased to have made the slip, this permitting John's surname in the listing of legitimate species names in *Stevia*.